

AN ORDINANCE

BY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT/HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE

AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT THE PROJECT GREENSPACE TECHNICAL REPORT AS THE GREENSPACE PLAN FOR THE CITY OF ATLANTA; TO INCORPORATE INTO THE CITY OF ATLANTA 2008 COMPREHENSIVE DEVELOPMENT PLAN; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the Bureau of Planning, with the Department of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs, the Department of Watershed Management and Atlanta Development Authority managed the consultant team of Wallace, Roberts & Todd, LLC to produce the final planning documents known as the Atlanta's Project Greenspace Summary and Technical Document, a city-wide collaborative study involving the general public, stakeholders and local elected officials; and

WHEREAS, the planning process included substantial public involvement including, but not limited to, a series of city-wide presentations, open house sessions for review and comment, statistically valid telephone surveys, NPU meetings introductions, and a Stakeholder Committee which provided input and guidance throughout the development of the planning documents; and

WHEREAS, out of this process the Bureau and consultant identified eleven (11) primary goals and twelve (12) recommended primary initiatives, and a comprehensive list of financing opportunities and options to meet the overall goal of achieving a world-class greenspace in Atlanta by the year 2030; and

WHEREAS, the Atlanta's Project Greenspace Plan is a guide for the City's planning, acquisition, development, preservation and maintenance of City-owned greenspaces, and for strengthening and creating policies that support the greenspace goals of the City, and

WHEREAS, the Atlanta's Project Greenspace Plan offers a guide for meeting the recreational needs of the citizen's of the City of Atlanta through the development of trails, complete streets, facilities and parks, and

WHEREAS, the Atlanta's Project Greenspace Plan offers a guide for the protection of environmentally sensitive lands, water quality, air quality and Atlanta's tree canopy coverage, and

WHEREAS, site plans, greenspace acquisitions, parkland development and private development will be evaluated on the level of consistency with the adopted Atlanta's Project Greenspace Plan and the City's Comprehensive Development Plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA, GEORGIA, HEREBY ORDAINS:

SECTION 1: That Project Greenspace Technical Report, attached hereto as Exhibit “A” and incorporated herein by reference, is hereby adopted as the City of Atlanta’s comprehensive greenspace plan for the implementation and promotion of the City’s greenspace system.

SECTION 2: The Project Greenspace Technical Report is hereby incorporated into the 2008 Comprehensive Development Plan, to wit: Section 3 - Community Assessment: 3.3 Plan Elements, and Section 4 - Community Agenda: 4.1.2 Policies, of the Atlanta’s 2008 Comprehensive Development Plan.

SECTION 3: That all ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict are hereby repealed to the extent of this conflict.

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Technical Report
Wallace Roberts & Todd, LLC

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 Friends of Channing Valley
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 Friends of Coan Park
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 Friends of Daniel Johnson Nature Preserve
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 Friends of Deerwood Park
 Friends of Dellwood Park
 Friends of East Lake
 Friends of Emma Milligan Park
 Friends of Enota Place Playlot
 Friends of Eubanks Park (The Prado)

Friends of Four Corners Park
 Friends of Frankie Allen Park
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 Friends of Gilliam Park
 Friends of Herbert Greene
 Friends of Herbert Taylor Park
 Friends of Iverson Park
 Friends of Jacqui Fuller Woodland Gardens Park
 Friends of John Howell Park
 Friends of Kirkwood Dixie
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 Friends of Lionel Hampton
 Friends of Maddox Park
 Friends of McClatchey Park
 Friends of Melvin Drive Park
 Friends of Morningside Nature Preserve
 Friends of Orme Park
 Friends of Outdoor Activity Center
 Friends of Peachtree Hills Park
 Friends of Perkerson Park
 Friends of Renaissance Park
 Friends of Rosa L. Burney Park (Dunbar)
 Friends of Sidney Marcus Park
 Friends of South Bend Park
 Friends of Spink Collins Park
 Friends of Springdale Park
 Friends of Tanyard Creek Park
 Friends of Tanyard Creek Urban Forest
 Friends of Tuxedo Park
 Friends of Underwood Hills Park
 Friends of Vine City Park
 Friends of Virgilee Park
 Friends of Washington Park
 Friends of West Manor Park
 Friends of Whittier Mill Park
 Friends of Wilson Mill Park
 Friends of Winn Park
 Friends of Woodruff Park
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Part II: Legislative White Paper: (This portion of the Legislative Request Form will be shared with City Council members and staff)

A. To be completed by Legislative Counsel:

Committee of Purview: CD/HR

Caption:

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Council Meeting Date: December 7, 2009

Requesting Dept.: Planning and Community Development

B. To be completed by the department:

1. Please provide a summary of the purpose of this legislation (Justification Statement).

Example: The purpose of this legislation is to anticipate funds from a local assistance grant to purchase child safety seats.

The purpose of this Legislation is to adopt the goals and priorities set forth in the Atlanta's Project Greenspace Plan as a planning tool for the acquisition, development, preservation and maintenance of the City's greenspace system and to incorporate in the City's Comprehensive Development Plan.

2. Please provide background information regarding this legislation.

Example: The task force of homelessness conducted a study regarding homelessness, its impact and consequences on the City. This resolution reflects the Mayor's desire to open a twenty-four hour center that will respond to the needs of the homelessness in Atlanta.

The City of Atlanta has been consistently ranked very low in terms of providing recreational opportunities and protection of environmentally sensitive lands when compared to other city's of comparable size. Atlanta's Project Greenspace Plan is an update to the 1993 Parks, Open Space and Greenways Plan.

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3. If Applicable/Known:

- (a) **Contract Type (e.g. Professional Services, Construction Agreement, etc):** N/A
- (b) **Source Selection:**
- (c) **Bids/Proposals Due:**
- (d) **Invitations Issued:**
- (e) **Number of Bids:**
- (f) **Proposals Received:**
- (g) **Bidders/Proponents:**
- (h) **Term of Contract:**

4. Fund Account Center (Ex. Name and number):

5. Source of Funds: *Example: Local Assistance Grant*

6. Fiscal Impact: This legislation requires no immediate funding.

Example: This legislation will result in a reduction in the amount of _____ to Fund Account Center Number _____.

7. Method of Cost Recovery: N/A

Examples:

- a. Revenues generated from the permits required under this legislation will be used to fund the personnel needed to carry out the permitting process.*

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TRANSMITTAL FORM FOR LEGISLATION

TO: MAYOR'S OFFICE

ATTN: GREG PRIDGEON

Dept.'s Legislative Liaison: Garnett Brown

Contact Number: 6724

Originating Department: Planning and Community Development


Committee(s) of Purview: CD/HR

Chief of Staff Deadline: October 27, 2009

Anticipated Committee Meeting Date(s): November 10, 2009

Anticipated Full Council Date: December 7, 2009

Legislative Counsel's Signature: 

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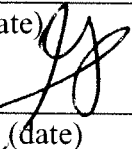
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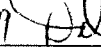
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